Economic History as Recorded by Entries in an Old Account Book

The subject of price is always inter-

hide, weight 45 pounds, \$2.25. In Oc-

In 1818 a quart of whiskey cost

Back Door" was considered equivalent

days devoted to "fixing the Stareway

somewhat impaired by the rather

1.75 month later, another "part of a watch."

Silcox for a head Stone."

"One day's work in the

Prices and Human Items Set Down in a New Jersey Country Store Farly in Last Century Ax which he pramised to Deliver me true never did \$6.58." And in October of 1830 this occupy in the account of Feter Conover, Tenner: "To one Cowhide, wy \$6. pound, \$2.26. To one three year and helfer bide to tan Marked L Early in Last Century

T is a battered old book, its pages | family-father, mother, James and are yellow and brittle, the ink of "the boys." its record is pale and the chirography is something less than true and there as we go along: November cierkly, but the amateur antiquarian 1815, 2015 pounds of beef, \$1.44, who undertook in leisure moments to April, 1815, four bushels of potatoes decipher the externally unpromising \$2; June, 1819, "2 Lemons, 1 bottle manuscript was well rewarded for his pains. The mildewed old pages cartried the record of successive generations of store keepers in a little town lons, at 68 cents per Gail... \$22.24; of middle Jersey. Beginning in 1804, July, 1818, Eleven pounds of Pickel its latest entry bears date of a civil meat and & at 12% cents, \$1.41; war year. The record is intermittent; January, 1827, two pounds of candles. some members of the family may have 12 cents; May, 1824, one hindquarter been better at making bargains than of vell, \$12.24; one forequarter, of at keeping record of the transactions. lamb, seven pounds, \$.42; But the pages constitute a diary of quarts of vinegar, 10 cents; May, prices and give a pretty good picture of 1820, one calfskin, weight 71/2 pounds, the ways of doing business in that \$.77%; December, 1821,

Cash receipts were few and far be- tober of 1826 14 pounds of flour cost tween, and also small. These country 50 cents; half a husbel of corn for merchants permitted their patrons to seed, 37½ cents, and a hindquarter "take it out in trade." On the "con- of yeal, 16 pounds, 80 cents. tra" side of the book we find such items as these; By flour, fish and twenty-two cents, and a gallon of spir-"bisters," quarter of mutton, "iron of its eighty cents. The making of "one a plow," "by a part of a watch," by frie cont" is valued at \$2, and of a butter, Indian meal, vest to go with it at 62 cents. yeal, "hogs Lard," and carting; by Making a pair of pantaloons was worth J'use of a horse to ride to meeting and 75 cents. a-courting, by a bat, by "sider," by swamp" had a market value of 56 weaving, by velvet and cash, by cents; two days work "to make the segars, and by muskrat skins, "Everything goes," seems to have been the in trade to one dollar's worth, and two

Here is a sample page, from the accounts of 1848: ACCOUNT WITH JAMES ROCKES Rogers dr to: E bu wheat g 1.12...

1 ton hay 6 lbs. butter @ .15 6 doz errs % 10 2.30 lot of matter entertaining to the stu-50.00 it may or may not be good to know
On the other side of the account we that in 1822 in this inland Jersey set-

or Morocco shoes 200 watch" in pay, and from another, ... 4.10 as if he were willing to build up a

A have these entries:

Some Items Very Cheap. Tim profession of the estimable

James Rogers is easily identified. The account enlightens for us the subject of comparative values. One cord of wood was worth as much as one pair 1819, to Cash lent at the trial at Spotsof woman's boots for Julia; or, at wood, \$2.25." "August 19, 1820, this least, the merchant was able to get day to Charles Sylvester Nine Sheep them counted that way in his books. Six old ones and 3 lambs and one Five bushels of wheat was valued Small one made no acc't of. He of cheese cost a litle more than a pair Old Stock good or one dollar and a of those days. of fine brogans. And if we may, at quarter per Sheep."

this safe interval, peep behind the There are plenty of these quaint rescenes, we should like to be imperti- flections of old time business ways in ment enough to ask the reader to con- the country. Under date of October 16 sider the amounts spent for foot- 1824, is this entry: "James Grant, Dr. gear for the different members of the to cash paid him for one

in the rump (received the marked side of Leather)."

Whinkey \$78 a Quart.

And now we come again upon the matter of prices. In February of 1832 we find a quart of whiskey priced at \$.18%; sae bushet of corn at \$.62, twen-ty-sight pounds of rye flour at \$.68. one-half bushel of potatoes at \$.20, one pound of "hog's lard" at eight cents, and one peck of Indian meal at \$.18. In April or that year a shad cost 14 cents, ten "mackeral" 40 cents, a pound butter 15 cents, two quarts of salt 5 cents, four pounds of sugar and a quarter of a pound of tes 55 cents.

The shadows of some little busines troubles are cast over the pages. The taken into court for settlement:

Dr. Feb. 1907, by fax 1 lb. & half .10 St March, 1810, by sundries at his

The Mentless Day, he says, says he;
"Tou better not find fault with me;
Tou'll sleep the sounder, and you'll seem
To lingle money in your dream!
And more: You'll make the prospect
Where Hunes. this above account & obtained judgmen \$4.62. Settled by Wm. Nutt, Administr. On March 1, 1810, there is this en-"Agreed this day with John Eight months from the First day of March 1810 to 1st of November for forty Eight Dolls, and pair of shoes payable in Six months after the time

Many centuries ago the bad it de boys of Pompeli scribbled their names of the Seller" was valued at just \$1. and scurrilous remarks about the Cow pasturage for nine weeks was counted at \$2.25. Weaving was recom-Pompeians of the day all over the walls and sidewalks, and then there pensed at these rates: "One peice of Brod Cloth, \$1.93"; "19 yards to and came the famous eruption of Vesuvius, covering the screwls and preserving linnen, \$.95"; "lincy peice, 14% yards, them through the centuries for the curious inspection of later generations Probably the value of this book to So in this old book there has survived the student of economic history is through the decades the pencilling with which young clerks in this old conventional methods employed by the country store beguiled their moments of unemployment. Here is a sketch of "Lavinia Stratton and Charles Stratdent of human nature. For example, ton," the lady noticeable for curls and the gentleman for hat. And under one tlement shad fresh from the Delaware of the alimmer accounts stands the record of the weather in this part of Jersey for the fourteenth day of January, 1857: "This Day cold in the forenoon rather more pleasant in the after part of the day." So do clerks, departing, leave pen prints on the page But it does take us away from these

present day surroundings and circumstances to find a storekeeper taking the economist or the student of social history there is ammement for the please with "three yards of linning. 'sunders brot ford." "sithe" and "cyth" chronometer in this way and give of his goods instead of his cash for the and, item, "one grubing ho." Whether gradually accumulated mechanism of or not any of these spellings represent a timekeeper. Just an item here and stages in the history of American an item there: "Nov. 22, 1823, to cash orthography, there can be little doubt stages in the history of American paid the Grave Digger for putting up that "appels" and "pickel meat" record purely personal preferences in style. a head Stone, \$.20, and 4 Dollars to "August, Another interesting difficulty plainly indicated in these pages is that of "August 19, 1820, this getting adjusted to the change from reckening in pounds, shillings and pence to calculations in terms of dol-Five bushels of wheat was valued Small one made no acc't of. He is to lars and cents. At first, the entries lower than a pair of fine sewed boots Give me Nine pounds of good clean take this form: "\$1 45cts." The decifor paterfamilias. Thirty-two pounds washed wool per year and turn the mal point had terrors for the clerks

In 1864 we find entries indicating the price of a mowing machine as \$125. of a mileh cow as \$25, one stack of hay \$15, one Testament 15 cents, one spelling book 12 cents, and one copy the last of the same and the

POEMS WORTH READING.

Here is where the fairles In the meonlight came

Here is where they frolicked

Which are more unreal?

Whom the stars reveal

cannot call the echoes back

I lost my pipe in May.

I threw my pipe away.

The Wheatless Day.

That thrilled the upland way:

A maid fashed golden, like the sun.

Two Days.

From the Atlanta Constitution

Where Hunger cripples Freedom's fight."

7 rom she Arkenens Gezette.

There ought to be
A law against the felon
Who will send you
In weather like this
A picture pestcard
Of some pain bordered
Explanade
With such sentiments as:
"See bathing fine.
Weather 80 in the shade,
Wish you were here."

The Call to Arms.

From the Macon Telegraph

ailing through her booming cities. Through her rivers beamned with freight. Tale is time for ided and daring. Linger not to love or hate."

Linger not for pain or pleasure, Linger not for toil or ease! Though your heart revolts at battle. Battle only brings us peace.

Be you pure, and sireng, and faithful; Victory rewards the frue. Rise. O sons of right and freedom. Hear your country's calling you!

How It Works Out.

From the Detroit Free Press.

A man there was who hid away From every grief from day to day. He vowed existence should be spent In luxury and caim content. He murmured: "Let the battle rage. In strite I never shall engage."

While others went to play the game, That, as he heard the battle's din, He boldly shouted, "Let me in!" And now he frets both day and night Because they will not let him fight.

A Wintry Welcome.

From the Atlanta Constitution

A Recipe Worth Trying.

From the Buffalo Evening News

From the Buffalo Evening News.

Doubt you? Which are stranger.

I Lost My Pipe in May.

McLANDSURGE WILSON

CHARLES DIVING.

Till the night was o'er.

On the ferns floor

Is Horatio Richmond Palmer, the com-Where ruddy mald and withered crone He died in 1907. Now only wastes of broken stone And trampled gardens bids.

Is Miss Anne Morgan, so noted for charitable work, a French woman? Tet, though the vandals wreaked their will. Miss Morgan is an American, daugh-A Gietre de Dijon fose! ter of the late J. l'ierpont Morgan. CHARLOTTE BECKES.

In answer to P. V. L. Purdy, who In answer to P. V. I. Purdy, who asks for the dates of the opening and closing of Hudson River navigation, i would point out that the dates from 1824 onward are given in the Legislative Manual, issued annually by the Secretary of State. Albany. In the 1917 Manual they will be found on pages 742, 743 and 744. H. M. A. The Enchanted Spot. Tors by shot and abrapnel. Ploughed by hall and Same Manual they will be 742, 743 and 744.

Why are eggs so high in spite of a Government fixed price: READER. The price fixing concerned only storage eggs, and the chief trouble is that storage eggs are frequently sold as fresh and at the price of fresh ques. See an editorial article, "Eighty Cent less to be thrown into the discard.

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Here is the distribution of No. 465: Eggs." in THE SUN of Sunday, January 13.

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS.

Please tell me the insignia of rank in the French army. The following is from the columns of the Army and Navy Journal:

"Insignia of rank in the French army s yorn on the lower part of the sleeve. and for a Second Lieutenant or sergeant consists of a gold stripe about two inches long. The Lieutenant's stripe is parallel to the edge of the cuff and the sergeant's is set at an angle with the edge of the cuff. A corporal wears two diagonal cloth stripes and a sergeantmajor (corresponding somewhat to our first sergeapt) two diagonal golds stripes ...

stripe; a First Lieutenant wears two or a spade to draw the trumps and lead another diamend. This second diamond lead forces A to discard. gold stripes; a Captain wears three gold stripes; a Major wears four gold stripes: a Lieutenant-Colonel wears three gold and two silver stripes; a Colonel wears five gold stripes. A Srigadier-General wears two stars: a Major-General three stars; a Marshal of France wears six stars. (Marshall

Joffre is the only Marshal since 1870.) "A chevron is worn on the upper part of the right sleeve for every wound received in action. Chevrons on the left sleeve, the first indicates one year on the front, each succeeding one indicates six months additional on the front. Hence five chevrons indicate service at the front since the beginning of the

o the middle of the chest is called the fourragers. It is worn by all members ders (green and red).

"The Croix de Guerre, or war cross, is given for gallantry in action. A bronze star on the ribbon indicates a c subsequent mention in regimental orders, a silver star a subsequent mention in division orders, a gold star in corps orders, a palm leaf mention in orders published to the whole army.

"An enlisted man, candidate for a ommission, is distinguished by a chevron of gold braid on the lower part of the sleeve."

No. bonds They matured in twenty years and were redeemable in fivehence the name "five-twenties." There were also "ten-fortles," due in forty years, redeemable after ten. The "fivetwenties" were issued at 6 per cent, under the act of February 25, 1862, authorizing \$500,000,000 of them for the purpose of funding the legal tender notes. We have "fifteen-thirties" new in first Liberty bonds, maturing in 1947 and redeemable in 1932; also "ten-twentyfives," second Liberty bonds, due in

conscripted at home, cannot be taken for military service here. When was Alexander I. Pope at Rome?

W. B. Clubs are trumps and Z is in lead. V and Z want all six tricks. from 106 to 115 A. D. and from 103 to ten,

FILMING A SCOTT ROMANCE. Serve as Scenery.

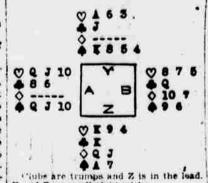
There was a theatrical company on the deck above. But there the voice of Thespis was subdued Knights and ladies of the flim, their thoughts were not of rhetoric, but register. To them Havana did not mean a pleasure jaint or a dream of the world that was, but a background of glaring sunlight, writes Arthur Barrett Maurice in Harper's Magazine. "What is the play?" was seked of an actor of mammeth frame and bulging bloops. "The Heart of Midlothian." was the somewhat astonishing reply. "The Heart of Midlothian." No remains of old Spain or Aragon or Andalusin, of fluttering manuflus and kilks and kirks of gray Scotland—the pathetic romance of Effic and Jeannie Dean. By deft artifice the necessary There was a theatrical company on the deck above. But there the voice of kilts and kirks of gray Scotland—the pathetic romance of Effic and Jeannie Dean. By deft artifice the necessary changes were to be wrought. The cumping of the camera was to transform the low hills in the direction of Regla into a likeness to Arthur's Seat. Some carrow, out of the way street of Hayana or Marianao was to be dressed up and udiences were to see the Cannongate

Modern Free Suit Bids Show Tricks for Defence as Well as Attack

Bridge Experts

In problem No. 469 the recapitulation of the cards is the correct distribution, Y holding the K. Q. 7, 6, 5 of clubs and

Bridge problem No. 468. Mr. Kinsey's amendment to No. 466, seems to have given the cracks not a little trouble. The problem is interesting from the fact that although the composer admitted No. 466 was not sound, or was a dual. several of THE SUN'S correspondents still insist that they can solve it as originally published and that it is too good a prob-



Y and Z want all eight tricks.

The solution is for Z to lead the diamond. If A trumps, Y over trumps and "A Second Lieutenant wears one gold puts Z back into the lead with a

The same situation may be brought about if A refuses to trump the first trick, as he must make a discard then instead of after the trumps are gone Suppose A discards a heart on the first trick. Y also discards a heart and Z immediately leads a small heart, winning the return with the king and leading another diamond. Now if A discards a spade, Y also discards a spade. Z leads a small anade and rets in on Z leads a small spade and gets in on the return of that suit. The third heart gives Y a ruff with the jack of trumps and Z makes the last trick of all with the club king.

If A discards a spade on the first trick

instead of trumping, the play heart and spade suits is simply transposed, with the diamond lead in between. as A can trump at any time when dia-monds are led and be over trumped. There are still eighteen players at the top of the list with 21 points each to their credit. These are: Alene, Heary Andre-sen, Bay Ridge, N. W. Beddall, B. D. Blair, O. H. Boston, Candidate, Aita-Dee, W. P. Edwards, C. H. Haskell, N. W. Hill, W. T. Leighton, W. T. McClellan, R. C. O'Brien, Jay Reed, Charles M. Root, E. W. White and W. P. W. With 20, D A. W. With 18 there are six: Frederick Bergen, L. S. Hart, Jr. C. F. Johnson, Mary Lee, G. H. Robin-son and E. W. White. In addition to these G. T. Wold has 12, Mrs. J. M.

tofore exclusively masculine activity is safe from their attacks. The Sun now takes great pleasure in introducing a mposers should therefore

BRIDGE PROBLEM NO. 470 What were the "five-twenties" of the city.

1942, redeemable in 1927.

I have read with interest of the agreement about to be reached in regard to conscription between the United States and Great Britain and Canada, No. and Great Britain and Canada. No mention is made of Australia, where there is no conscription. This brings up an interesting point. Will Australians living in the United States he subject to the same rules that govern Canadians living in this country? Personally I should not think so, but I would like some information. would like some information on the Of course Australians, who cannot be

The distribution is: Y has the jack, ten, nine of hearts; five three of frumps, and queen of spades. A has

Who introduced Unitarianism into America, and when? W. B.

The American embryo has been said to have existed among the Filgrims, whose church in Plymouth had a spirit-six and four of spades.

Frumis, and queet of spades. A has the first three of hearts; queen eight of diamonds; king three of spades. B has the eight seven of hearts; six deuce of trumps; ace and three of diamonds; whose church in Plymouth had a spirit-six and four of spades.

ual covenant instead of a creed. The first church in America to become definitely Unitarian was King's Chapel in Boston, which in 1787 ordained James of the cracks analyzed the position be-Freeman. Joseph Priesting, discoveror your the demonstrated win, just to of exygen, who was driven out of Eng. show that there was no escape.

The distribution is: Black men on 3. land in 1794, established Unitarian 5 and 15; kings on 2 and 21. churches in Philadelphia and Northum-men on 12 and 23; kings on 19 and 27, berland, Pa.

Property Man Makes Moro Cautle

"And when our proposed the Moro that through with that part of the Moro that we are going to use," broke in the company's manager, "Lord Byron, who wrote the book, you know"—his face and conventions of the game, with the registered" pride as he imparted the "registered" pride as he imparted the "registered" pride as he imparted the "the key to perfect bidding and play. Special ferm during hear Address R. F. Fester, 32 Monroe St. Brooklyn N. V.

some beginner in an end game PROBLEM NO. 470-CHECKERS Black.

Black to play and win.
The distribution is: Black men on 23 and 27; king on 28. White men on 15 and 20; king on 31.

out another card above a nine; ent out wanted to carry denominations in the pound, insured or not, and might be nywhere from 1 cent to 16. How many liferent denominations must it provide; There seems to be only one answer to his puzzle, which was sent to THE SIN a pound, insured or not, and might be anywhere from 1 cent to 16. How many different denominations must it provide? this puzzle, which was sent to THE SUN by Jay Reed of Alberquerque, N. M., the stamps being 1, 3, 5, 7 and 8 cents in denomination. The combination of 1, 3, 4, 9 and 11 will do as far, as 15, but, will

SCHOOL FOR CARD PLAYERS!

hearts doubled. maintains that this entitles the declarer who makes the three hearts to score 48 below the line and 50 above. B insists oughly sound declaration in a game g that it is only 24 below and 50 above.

A is right, as the double increases the value of the tricks from 8 to 16 spiece.

Many persons imagine that as the adversaries score nothing but 50 above the saries score nothing but 50 above the saries score nothing but 50 above the line, getting nothing for the tricks they take over their book, the declarer should not get anything extra for his tricks;

pass." This is agreed to by each of the opponents and two onlookers. Second Second games. hand says one heart, and third hand, who has been sorting his hand, asks: What did you say, partner?" the dialer answers: "One diamond." It is admitted that the dealer actually and a good diamond bid and the play ers are willing to take his word for it that he thought he said one diamond; but what are the rights of his opponents? We cannot find anything in the laws to cover this point. A new deal This seems to be a rather close ques-

tion between an insufficient bid, a bid out royal spades." of turn and giving unwarranted information. If the adversaries elect to call queen above average and everything these days and no one here- it a bid out of turn and cancel it the lected. third hand cannot bid. If they prefer shows two sure tricks to call it an insufficient bid and correct least five cards bridge problem composed by a woman, it to two diamonds they cannot prevent look to the third hand from bidding if they go to two hearts or double. If they elect was not pointed out in the class By Mrs. J. M. Batterton of New York to call the dealer's statement that he strongly as it is

had made a diamond bid as coming un-der law 52, which penalizes a player for giving any information concerning his hand not conveyed by a legitimate dec-suit was abolished June 12 laration, the third hand cannot bid, no the official announcement of the matter what the side net in error may tee on laws, there was no was matter what the side not in error may declare. The last would seem to be the law that best fits the case, but none of port, and this led to bidding a them entitles, the opponents to a new on hands that were only good cook

H. L. P. Says: The dealer bids a heart, second hand doubles and third. The modern demand that are hand says two hearts. Does this re- bid in suit shall show ! lieve the fourth hand from the neces-sity of answering his partner's double it possible to regard every and had be

than a weak four card suit; but that it to be in outed to be he has any suit of five cards or can suit on account of its be he has any suit of five cards or can port. The rule in suit stop the hearts twice, he should had the be to hold it up for a sestop the hearts twice, he should had the suit or go no trumps, according to the suit or go no trumps, according to the suit is nothing in the suit he which it is. The second hand is advised by the pass that there is no suit of five cards in the fourth hand and no stoppers in the double suit. If he can may be thrown up if the hid is a suit to suit is more than probable one else will have a hid and the suit is may be thrown up if the hid is a suit to suit is suit in the suit. stand a bid of two spades, or three in may be thrown up any other suit but hearts, he can double major suit, hearts or studes should again.

B. M. T. says: The score is 24 to 0 being suit bid no trumpers of in favor, rubber game, and I bid two diamonds to show my partner that 1 duplicate games: do not want to be taken out. Instead of leaving me in, he sees two no trumpers and gets set. I had six diamonds to the Yours, for bidding two on a one bid olding and also for not bidding more diamonds to show your sult was not rolld and that you had no reentry for t. If the ace is held up you may never make more than one trick in dia monds as part of a no frumper unless your partner has three or four of the soit. The two trick bid in minor suits cannot be identified as a bid to the score unless the partner's attention is bid no trumps and score is White called to the score at the same time, No one seems to have the a which is against the rules. One might style bid of a diamond t as well say right out, "I bid two dia-

Poker. T. C. sass: A opens and draws two cards. It draws three cards to score 179 points as no c to a pair of fours. C also draws three bid and the cards were put b to a small pair. When A bets B calls tray, and C drops. A shows two pairs, eights. Those who hid no traying up, and an acc. B has two pairs, severes up, c bets R wins the pot, as A had openers. A bets R does not win the pot, as none of the three had openers. A bets R does not win the hold the least beyond five pot, as none of the three had openers. A acknowledges opening by mistake listed the spates by lead with a mais and kicker.

White.

19-24

Black

A action regres opening by mistake the spaces by fact with a pair and kicker.

A pot once opened, even if wrongly, must be played for if any one comes in against the false openers. A's hand is starting the claim, hoping if foul, but B's is not, and as he came into discards; but this made it a an open pot in good faith he wins it, discard the losing chin a C having dropped out.

shall place his discard under the chips tast diamend. Z got in the pool, no matter what he has or had to lost a heart at whether he is going to split or not. Then the comit was the say the diseard is always there to show what he came in on, and he is not obliged to give his hand away, if he is to four honors, witch saved breaking remered announcing it.

A Woman Enters the Lists as a Composer of Problems to Worry the Problems to Worry the Desire to Worry the Lists as a Composer of Problems to Worry the Desire to Worry the Beginner

By R. P. POSTER.

One of the hands that frequently give the beginner trouble is a weat, suit of five cards in hearts or spades with three or four tricks on the side, but no length anywhere else. Suppose he will not

with such hands. The first is to pass them up and make a secondary but of it. The second is to bid no tramp and show the suit if overcalled or taken our The third is to bid the minor suit it there is a sure trick in it and trust to getting another chance at the declaration. This leads some player to bidding on an aand one or two small cards.

There was a time in the early days of auction when it was the correct thing :

POSTAGE STAND PUZZLE.

The jewelry firm that had room for only two stamps on each package at sent out wanted to carry denominations useful anything that weighed less than the control of the acc and two small was been out another card above a nine?

But if that was all there was a control of the control of

new count when clube went to 8 and a monds to 7, with spades at either 2 5. As soon as this sch dule came in use the conventional bids were

pletely changed. During the intervention spades had only the smaller value and clubs were worth 4, the biddles was ing suit thearts or diamond trumps was a spade bid. (That pass.)

was a suit bid.

Bids for Defence.

The results that were achieved this system of bidding, which was illustrated and recommended in all the text pooks of the time, were chiefly negative That is, they netted more penalties than When the clubs were advanced to :

put at 9, this system was completely re-olutionized and everything turned olutionized and everything turned o-making use of the possibility of bidd a a large number of tricks in spades with forcing the partner to bid more tha these were the conventions: assist a no trumper with some

side, but I am not long en 3. No trump hids show

4. Any suit bid other

This brought the bids bank

persists to the present The New Rules

by delaring a suit or no trumps?

The best practice seems to be to pass
if the fourth hand has nothing better
than a weak four card suit; but that if

One is often anxious to ind a markets.

Such hands are usually destile



Against the spade contact

Freight Jam Causes Potato Disaster

markets in greater quantities Stood stanle will be lost to the country thy potato sprouting time. Food Administration officials are apprehensive ing months. that somebody is headed for a serious conomic loss unless the situation is worked out in common sense fashlon. and they are appealing to producers, distributers and transportation men to

rise to the occasion. In response to the national call for increased production farmers everythey could buy or borrow and the resultant crop was a bumper one. It is no secret that many producers began right then to dream dreams of fancy prices in the good old winter time. They foresaw that patriotic folk just naturally would turn to potatoes they decided to sit tight. Now these in red in Mr. Hoover's lexicon-but the for their shipments. fact remains that thousands of cellars and storehouses throughout the land are bulging with potatoes awaiting delivery at the "dream" price levels

that would mean handsome profits.

may be eaten while they are eatable- are apt to take a back seat when the potatoes are short lived after they "new" ones come in. start to sprout and to have them sold | Inasmuch as only 40 per cent of them. The fact will be emphasized

ture estimated at the beginning of this wonder how the remaining 69 per lt is understood, however, that the food administrators are satisfied that sels of postatoes in eleven principal pobalance of the season. It is understood, however, that the food administrators are satisfied that if city folks are to eat up all the tate growing States that were due to

Some idea of what the programme calls for in the movement of potatoes may be obtained from the fact that during the month of January only 9.841 carloads went to the markets from these States, while in December 8,798 and in November 13,934 carloads

were moved. It is conceded all along the line that if it was possible to move only 22,-801,100 bushels to the markets from these States in three months it will be a mighty big contract to move 75,904,500 bushels in the remaining

months. What interests the farmers of New the Allies and our soldiers abroad. So York State is what is going to happen farmers indignantly deny they have ing" for increased prices, or "just

of the farmers or at rural points of Freight Congestion a Cause.

Freight Congestion a Cause.

Coincident with this "hoarding" and total of 15,460 cars to move this cutier factor has contributed to the color of the close of the case.

The late spring with vast stocks of the late spr holding back of potatoes from the great consuming and distributing centres in the cities. Freight congestion and abnormal weather conditions, which prevented the farmer from trucking his stock to the shipping trucking his stock to the shipping points, have figured largely in keeping must it be lost sight of that the potato points, have figured largely in keeping must it be lost sight of that the potato points, have figured largely in keeping growers of Maine, New Jersey and county agents up parts of the land where potatoes are in New York city and other parts of State are now impressing upon the the State. Again, great quantities of farmers and shippers the necessity of The problem that is worrying the "new" potatoes come from the South- getting down to brass tacks. Food Administration heads is to get ern States in the early spring, and these potatoes to the market so they everybody knows that "old" potatoes

at a price that will encourage the New York's 1317 crop was disposed that more than a generous consumpfarmer to produce more and more of in the months of October, Novem- tion of potatoes will result in the say ber, December and January (quoting ing of a very large quantity of wheat The Bureau of Markets of the the experts of the State Food Com- as potatoes are a most excellent sub United States Department of Agricul-, mission), it will cause many people to stitute for bread.

tato growing States that were due to Spurred by the necessity of getting potatoes in sight, prices must be lower so to the market in February, March, polatoes to the markets in hereased than they are now. It is essential, April, May and June. These States quantities members of the Federal therefore that producers must be con-are New York, Maine, M. higan, Wiss. Foods Board and the State Food tent to accept a lesser rate than they Minnesota, Nebraska, Colo- Commission took the potata troubles have been fondly hoping they would rate. Id-lin Washington Oregon and straight to the farmers themselves at get. The iministrators trust that a North Dale to The learness figured their recent sessions in Ithaca. The even detailution of the remaining bureau figured their recent sessions in Ithaca. The even a stabution of the remaining

T NLESS what is left of the big | 25,000 in Feburary and March, 23,000 | that the holding back of potatoes would potato crop of 1917 enters the in April and May and 12,509 in June, have to stop if the producers expected. It was pointed out that the inovement to save the situation and get prices in February would not be more than that would at least compensate them Esthan shipments which have arrived half of 25,000 carlots, and it is un- for planting, cultivating and digging. since farmers stopped digging mill- derstood that the bureau was right in Unless they started their potatoes for sions of bushels of that very important its guess. It is means that more than the city markets at once and kept up the estimated number of carlots must steady shipments for normal and posbe removed during the remain- sibly forced requirements, it was

tato crops this year. to the potatoes which they are "hoardnew decided to sit tight. Now these
armers indignantly deny they have
een "hoarding"—a term underscored
new for increased prices, or "just
keeping" because they cannot get cars
for their shipments.

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Added the conditions would improve with the weather. However, the point was driven home, and driven hard, that unless the farmers of New York and other
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A family triend, no doubt:

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ministrators and county agents up

"Est Potators" Campaigu.

A campaign is to be started to get

that it would take 103.135 cars (700 formers, who have been in the dumps stocks will make for a price that will be been in the dumps stocks will make for a price that will be been in the dumps stocks will make for a price that will convince the farmer that life is still outlook, were told among other things worth living.

plained, there would be a flood of po

A curse—a double curse;—on him.
The man who wrote the books
Of reference, so called, in which
The weary student looks
And delves and digs and searches through
And hovers o'er and haunts. Then it might happen that potatoes would become a glut on the market. prices would drop, and there was the possibility producers wouldn't get enough per bushel to pay the freight charges. This would be a calamity, it was urged, because very low prices, or perhaps no prices at all, would give the producer an attack of the blues, which would be reflected in short portion of very state of the blues.

Which would be reflected in short portion of the producer and state of the blues. And, underneath, this line:

the crops this year.

The farmers were assured that lack of proper transportation facilities was responsible in a very large degree for the failure of the humper crop to reach consumers according to schedule, but the hope was expressed that railroad.

And Flotenies! They would be a cinch—Through all of Egypt's royal line Of Kings With Golden Hem.

A hundred reams I thumbed again, And seaned cach veilum page, I found them? Ver, but underneath was written by some sage:

In New York there were 10.322,000 fluid movement of the clop hand, bushels of potatoes still in the hands ducers would find themselves high and to clear I of course was hep bushels of potatoes still in the hands ducers would find themselves high and to course was hep bushels of potatoes still in the hands ducers would find themselves high and the course was hep bushels of potatoes still in the hands ducers would find themselves high and the course was hep bushels of potatoes at ill in the hands ducers would find themselves high and the course was hep bushels of potatoes at ill in the hands ducers would find themselves high and the course was hep bushels of potatoes at ill in the hands ducers would find themselves high and the course was hep bushels of potatoes at ill in the hands ducers would find themselves high and the course was hep bushels of potatoes.

An Expert. From the St. Louis Post-Dispatch. There was a girl in our town
Who had a wondrous wit;
No matter where she'd settle down
She'd start right in to knit.
She knitted till to bed she'd creep
Without a halt or hitch;
She even knitted in her sleep
And never dropped a stitch. The Stamp of Success.

Dolled up in Russian green relirond, and a factor and steamship line, for so

Garage to keep it in. He also bought a city block,

He bought a little thrift stamp, then

He bought a little bond,

He bought a pianola, and

From little thrift stamps grow